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and procedures shall provide that participants:

(1) Will participate in a program that will prepare them to earn a high school diploma or the equivalent (non-high school graduates);

(2) May arrange to receive academic credit in recognition of the education and skills obtained from service satisfactorily completed; and

(3) Will use service-learning methods whenever practicable.

§ 2503.20 Matching requirement.

(a) The Federal share of each grant awarded under this part shall not exceed 75 percent of the cost of the community service activities carried out with each such grant.

(b) The non-Federal share may be in cash (from non-Federal public or private funds) or in-kind.

§ 2503.21 Age, citizenship, and other criteria for enrollment.

(a) Age and Citizenship. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, enrollment in projects that receive assistance under this program shall be limited to individuals who, at the time of enrollment, are:

(i) Not less than 16 years nor more than 25 years of age, except that summer programs may include individuals not less than 15 years of age nor more than 21 years of age at the time of the enrollment of such individuals; and

(ii) Citizens or nationals of the United States or lawful permanent resident aliens of the United States.

(2) A program agency may limit enrollment to any age group within the range specified above.

(b) Participation of Disadvantaged Youth. Programs that receive assistance shall ensure that educationally and economically disadvantaged youth, including youth in foster care who are becoming too old for foster care, youth with disabilities, youth with limited English proficiency, youth with limited basic skills or learning disabilities, and homeless youth, are offered opportunities to enroll.

(c) Special Corps Members. Program agencies may enroll a limited number of special corps members over age 25 so that the corps may draw on their special skills to fulfill the purposes of this

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§ 2503.22 Joint projects with senior citizens' organizations.

Program agencies shall use not more than 2 percent of amounts received to conduct joint projects with senior citizens' organizations to enable senior citizens to serve as mentors for youth participants.

§ 2503.23 Use of volunteers.

Program agencies may use volunteer services for purposes of assisting projects and may expend funds made available to provide for services or costs incidental to the utilization of such volunteers, including transportation, supplies, lodging, recruiting, training, and supervision. The use of volunteer services may not result in the displacement of any participant.

§ 2503.24 Post-service benefits.

Program agencies shall provide post-service education and training benefits (such as scholarships and grants) for each participant in an amount that is not in excess of \$100 per week, or in excess of \$5,000 per year, whichever is less.

§ 2503.25 Living allowance and other benefits.

(a) Full-time service allowance. (1) Each participant in a full-time youth corps program that receives assistance under this part shall receive a living allowance of not more than 100 percent of the poverty line for a family of two. Program agencies have the flexibility to establish the amount of living allowance in accordance with this part.

(2) Notwithstanding this paragraph, a program agency may provide participants with additional amounts for living expenses that are made available from non-Federal sources.

(b) Adjustment to allowance. A program agency may deduct, from the amounts required to be provided to a participant, a reasonable portion of the costs of the rates for any room and board that is provided for such participant at a residential facility. Such deducted funds shall be deposited into rollover accounts that shall be used